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Davis, Bloomfield; Miss J. Randall Spaulding, and Miss ——— Eldridge, Montclair.

FRANKLIN, N. J., *June 9th.*

H. H. RUSBY.

§ 326. **White Strawberry.**—I send you some plants of a white strawberry. It is plainly *Fragaria vesca*, L. These plants have borne white fruit as long as I have known anything about them, so that the peculiarity seems to be constant. On referring to the BULLETIN (II. 30), I find that this has been noticed by Mrs. A. E. Brown, in Northern New York. She found the whole plant of a lighter color than those which had red fruit. My specimens having only the fruit white might perhaps be called *var. albocarpa*. The plants grow in the shade and perhaps this may be connected with the color of the fruit.

Staten Island Plants.—Please add to my list of Staten Island grasses, *Agrostis alba*, L., common; *Calamagrostis Canadensis*, Beauv., near Garretsons; *Glyceria obtusa*, Trin., near Tottenville. *Arrhenatherum avenaceum*, Beauv., near Clifton, and at Richmond village. I have also found *Monarda fistulosa*, L., at Richmond, and *Trifolium incarnatum*, L., in waste ground near Richmond.

Cyperus.—I am studying this genus, and wish specimens from all quarters. Would be glad to exchange.

NEW DORP, *July 2d.*

N. L. BRITTON.

327. **Notes from Rhode Island.**—I found the other day in peculiarly rich and moist soil a gigantic fasciated specimen of *Ranunculus repens*, L. As Dr. Masters does not record this plant among his instances of fasciation, it may be worth noting. On the same day I found growing on newly filled in land a vigorous patch of the rare weed, *Anthemis arvensis*, L. [Common about New York, Eds.]

PROVIDENCE, *June 17th.*

W. W. BAILEY.

§ 328. **Lythrum Salicaria**, L.—This plant so interesting on account of its strongly marked trimorphous flowers, was found in abundance on July 5th, in meadow on south side of Moodna Creek, at its confluence with the Hudson River. It also occurs sparingly southward along the river road to Cornwall landing, just along the high water mark.

Echium vulgare, L., infests the roadsides and river banks in Cornwall and adjacent villages.

W. H. RUDKIN.

§ 329. **Antiquity of Orchids.**—In *Nature*, Ap. 3d, in a notice of Grant's *Origin and Development of the Color Sense*, Mr. Wallace says of Orchids: "If we take into account the world-wide distribution of these plants, their immense richness in genera and species, and their wonderful complexity of structure, we must consider them as among the most ancient instead of among the most recent of flowers." In *Nature*, May 15th, *D. Wetterhan* writes in support of this view: "Out of fifty species of orchids" in Garcke's German Flora, "not less than forty-one occur in the British Isles" besides two not